

**READING FILE.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER of the Application       )  
of the TOWN OF BELGRADE For Authority )  
To Adopt Increased Sewer Rates.       )  
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UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 81.2.20  
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4788

On February 20, 1981, the TOWN OF BELGRADE (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain and repair existing systems and meet increased capital expenditures.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the March 11, 1981 edition of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by April 6, 1981 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
3. On November 17, 1981, the entire Town Council of the Town of Belgrade passed Resolution No. 595 setting sewer rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation, to repair the existing system and meet increased capital expenditures.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$21,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after April 13, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on April 13, 1981 by a 4 - 0 vote.

Appendix "A"

Sewer Rates

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Apartments, Duplexes - For each unit of a duplex or multiple unit dwelling house, including apartment - per month	\$ 4.75
Single Family Residences - For each single family residence or mobile home - per month	\$ 5.75
Low Use Commercial Establishments - For each low use commercial establishment - per month. (A low use commercial establishment is defined as one which has a total of four or less fixtures connectial and contributing to the Town of Belgrade Sanitary Sewer System. A fixture is defined as and includes sinks, toilets, or urinals.)	\$ 5.75
Other Commercial Establishments - For all commercial establishments other than those described above - per month	\$10.00
Combination of Charges - For property used for more than one of the aforementioned activities, there shall be a separate charge for each such activity.	

Metered Rates


(Based on annual usage at the rate of usage for the months of November, December, January and February):


\$3.25/month plus \$0.50/1,000 gallons

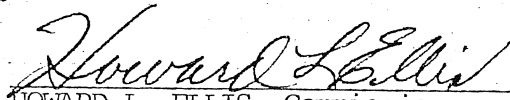
Minimum Charge For Metered Service - \$5.75 per month

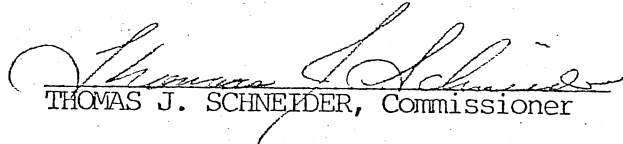
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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

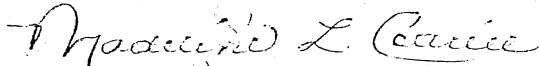
  
GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the tnr of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.